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SUBJ: EC FONMINS' MEETING

1. "IRISH PRESS" AUG 12 CONTAINED FOLLOWING REPORT ON REMARKS BE
FONMIN FITZGERALD AFTER EUROPEAN FONMINS' MEETING AT COPENHAGEN:
"THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. FITZGERALD DESCRIBED AS
'A EUPHORIA OF SUCCESS' THE ATMOSPHERE ACCOMPANYING THE EEC NINE-S
DECISIONS YESTERDAY AND ON MONDAY TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE
UNITED STATES. IN HIS OPINION, THE EEC'S POSITIVE RESPONSE TO
THE U.S. INVITATION TO RECAST THEIR RELATIONS IN A NEW ATLANTIC
CHARTER WOULD IMPROVE RELATIONS AND MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR
PRESIDENT NIXON NOT TO COME TO EUROPE, AS HE HAD PROPOSED, BEFORE
THE END OF THE YEAR."

2. LATE AUG 12, FONOFF ASSIST SEC PAUL KEATING TOLD US HE HAD
NOT HEARD FITZGERALD'S REMARKS TO "IRISH PRESS" BUT SUSPECTED RE-
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PORTER HAD DISTORTED THEM. IRISH WERE CERTAINLY HAPPY WITH COPEN-

HAGEN MEETING AND THOUGHT RESULTS WOULD MAKE POSSIBLE A VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIYON. KEATING DOUBTED THAT FITZGERALD SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR PRESIDENT NOT TO MAKE VISIT.

3. KEATING SAID THAT DURING MEETING THERE HAD BEEN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE; ONLY CONTROVERSY HAD BEEN OVER POINTS THAT WERE ESSENTIALLY PROCEDURAL, SUCH AS WHICH ITEM WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER WHAT HEADING. ALL MINISTERS SEEMED TO ACCEPT THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO EUROPEAN DECLARATIONS: ONE FROM EC NINE AND OTHER FROM NATO FIFTEEN. THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF A "CHAPEAU" OR OTHER LINKAGE BETWEEN WORK OF NINE AND FIFTEEN. IRELAND, FOR ITS PART, WOULD PROBABLY FIND ANY CHAPEAU UNACCEPTABLE. FOR IRELAND AND "MANY OTHER DELEGATIONS," IN FACT, AN OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS HAD BEEN REMOVED WHEN THE NINE DECIDED AGAINST "GLOBALIZATION," WHICH HE SAID WAS ANOTHER TERM FOR LINKAGE BETWEEN QUESTIONS OF TRADE, MONEY, AND DEFENSE. WE ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE ACCURATE TO CONCLUDE THAT IRELAND'S BASIC PROBLEM WAS RELUCTANCE -- AS A TRADITIONAL NEUTRAL -- TO GET INVOLVED IN DEFENSE MATTERS. KEATING ASSENTED.
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